

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 04 August 2006, has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase 'plate attached to bottom' should presumably read --plate attached to a bottom surface of said shelf--.

In response, claim 5 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ammoscato et al. (U.S. 5,472,397).

Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ammoscato (U.S. 5,472,397) in view of Fomichenko (S.U. 1,618,430).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ammoscato (U.S. 5,472,397) in view of Grider (U.S. 5,603,682).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 4-5, 10, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 4 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1. Claim 3 to which claim 4 is dependent thereon has also been deleted and has also been included into claim 1.

Claims 2, 6, 13 are dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claims 5, 10, 15 which are indicated to be allowable have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 7 is dependent on claim 6. Claim 8 is dependent on claim 7. Claims 9 and 11 are dependent on claim 8. Claim 12 is dependent on claim 11. Claim 14 is dependent on claim 13.

Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 5-15 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner MATHEW are appreciated.

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